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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Interview Summary	Application No. 09/966,028	Applicant(s) Granger
	Examiner Clark F. Dexter	Art Unit 3724
		

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Mr. John Pietrangelo

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(2) Mr. Clark Dexter

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Date of Interview Apr 8, 2003

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy is given to 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: all in general

Identification of prior art discussed:

applied prior art

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Mr. Pietrangelo called to discuss the final rejection. Applicant's position is that the Office action was made final prematurely because new prior art rejections were made by the Examiner (see paper no. 9, paragraphs 10 and 13) and thus applicant did not have an opportunity to address these rejections. Mr. Dexter stated that the new rejections were necessitated by applicant's amendment and thus the Office action was properly made final. Mr. Dexter stated that the new prior art rejections were introduced primarily because they better addressed new dependent claims 8-15. He stated that the rejections were then applied to all of the pertinent claims as required (including claims 1-7). Mr. Dexter also noted that claims 1-7 were significantly amended and that these amendments also may have necessitated the new grounds of rejection.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

CLARK F. DEXTER
PRIMARY EXAMINER
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Examiner's signature, if required

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.